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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Official Action mailed January 16, 2009 having a shortened term for reply which expires February 16, 2009. Applicant has been requested to elect a single disclosed species from the following group:

Species A: Figs. 1-5

Species B: Fig. 6

Species C: Figs. 7 and 8

Species D: Fig. 9

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Species E: Fig. 10

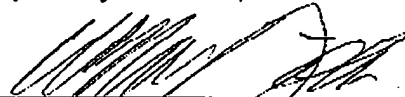
Species F: Fig. 11

Applicant elects Species C (Figs. 7 and 8) for prosecution on the merits and notes that claim 1 is considered generic. The elected Species C is encompassed by pending claims 1, 8, 9, 10.

Applicant traverses the election requirement with respect to Species A, D and F on the basis that in Species A (actually Figs. 2 - 5 since Fig. 1 is prior art) an alternative type of flexible coupling in the form of a flexible bellows is used instead of the flexible star coupling in the elected Species C; Species D merely adds an overload clutch to elected Species C; and Species F is essentially an example of how the invention of Species C may be used in a specific technical situation. Species A, D and F are considered obvious variants of Species C and are considered to be directed to the same patentable invention as Species C.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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